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1. RUMORS OF MODEST SIT-DOWN STRIKES AND ON-CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE SURABAYA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (ITS) AND AT A LOCAL UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL (SMA-4) HAVE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. FRIDAY MORNING AFTER HEARING RUMORS OF AN EARLY MORNING ROCK-THROWING INCIDENT

ON ONE OF THE ITS CAMPUSES, CONOFF TOOK A LOW-PROFILE DRIVE AROUND THE

CITY. AT THE COKROAMINOTO CAMPUS OF ITS AT 0930 A STUDENT SIT-IN WAS IN PROGRESS ON AN INNER QUADRANGLE OF THE CAMPUS, WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY MULTI-STORED BUILDINGS WITH OUTSIDE BALCONIES. APPROXIMATELY 50 STUDENTS WERE SQUATTED ON THE STAIRWAY TO THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. FOUR OR FIVE TIMES THAT NUMBER WERE OBSERVING THE HAND-CLAPPING, SHOUTING, AND WHISTLING DEMONSTRATORS FROM THE OVER-HANGING BALCONIES AND A MOTORBIKE PARKING AREA. NO POSTERS WERE EVIDENT, AND THERE WERE NO TROOPS IN THE AREA. WHEN CONOFF RETURNED TO THE SAME CAMPUS TWO HOURS LATER ALL SIT-IN PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS HAD LEFT. OTHER UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES--INCLUDING ITS'S
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BALIWERT CAMPUS, SCENE OF EARLIER DEMONSTRATIONS THIS WEEK, AND AIRLANGGA'S--WERE FILLED WITH STUDENTS MOVING ABOUT IN NORMAL MANNER. NO SIGN OF ROCKS OR BROKEN WINDOWS.

2. NEAR AIRLANGGA'S CAMPUS, HOWEVER, AN UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL WAS THE SCENE OF A STUDENT-SOLDIER STAND-OFF BETWEEN 1000 AND 1100. JALAN DHARMA NUSADA, WHICH PASSES IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL (SMA-4),

WAS CORDONED OFF BY TRAFFIC AND MILITARY POLICE. THE SMA-4 CAMPUS WAS FILLED WITH STUDENTS MILLING ABOUT. APPROXIMATELY 300 STUDENTS (ALL BOYS) WERE SITTING ON THE LONG FRONT WALL FACING SOME 150 REGULAR ARMY TROOPS WHO WERE ACROSS THE STREET FACING THE SCHOOL. THE STUDENTS WERE GESTURING AND YELLING AT THE TROOPS WHO IN TURN WERE CASUALLY OBSERVING THE STUDENTS' ANTICS. SMA-4 HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF STUDENT STRIKES ALL WEEK, ACCORDING TO LOCAL INFORMANTS. WHAT WAS OBSERVED TODAY CONFIRMS THAT AN ON-CAMPUS STRIKE IS INDEED UNDERWAY, WITH THE ARMY MAINTAINING A WATCHFUL PRESENCE ACROSS THE STREET. PERHAPS EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS THAT FACT THAT WHILE ALMOST ALL AIRLANGGA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HAVE TO PASS THROUGH THE AREA TO REACH THEIR OWN CAMPUS, THE ONES OBSERVED THIS MORNING APPEARED INDIFFERENT TO THE STAND-OFF AT SMA-4.

3. FROM OTHER SOURCES, WE HAVE HEARD THAT 35 STUDENTS, MANY OF THEM SECONDARY LEVEL, WERE DETAINED LAST NIGHT FOR VARIOUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES HAVING TO DO WITH ORGANIZING CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS AND PAMPHLET SCATTERING. A NORMALLY RELIABLE SOURCE TOLD ONE OF OUR OFFICERS THAT MAJOR GENERAL WITARMIN (KODAM VIII, BRAWIDJAJA COMMANDER

HAS SPOKEN STERNLY TO SOME OF THE SMA STUDENTS, TELLING THEM THAT IF THEY DON'T STOP THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES, HE WILL SEE TO IT PERSONALLY THAT THEY WILL BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR HIGH-SCHOOL CERTIFICATES AND NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER UNIVERSITY IN THE FUTURE. SHERRY

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